
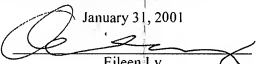


## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of James Lee et al. Serial No.: 09/313,299 Filed: May 17, 1999 For: VEGF-RELATED PROTEIN	Group Art Unit: 1646 Examiner: J. Murphy
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2000. Applicants submit concurrently herewith an Associate Power of Attorney and a request for a three-month extension along with the required fee.

Please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth thereafter.

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**I. AMENDMENTS**

In the Specification:

Please amend the title on page 1, line 10 by inserting at the beginning --METHODS OF USING--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 32 to 36 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please add the following new claims:

40. A method for stimulating the tyrosine phosphorylation of a Flt4 tyrosine kinase receptor in a Flt4-expressing cell, comprising contacting the cell with an effective amount of a

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